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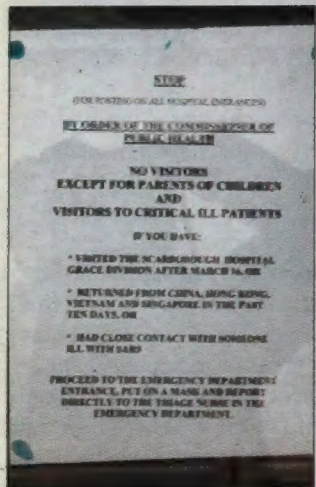
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Tim Hortons coming to Minden

by SHERYL LOUCKS
Times Staff

Minden Hills councillors are hoping to "roll up the rim to win" soon after representatives from Tim Hortons and Pioneer Petroleum announced their intention to build new locations along Highway 35.

The two reps came to council last week armed with a couple of boxes of timbits and a diagram

of how they plan to transform the former Dave's On 35 into a new gas station, convenience store and Tim Hortons. The deputization was essentially a courtesy call to let council know they are interested in moving into the neighbourhood and to see what it would take to get Minden to roll out the welcome wagon.

The project is subject to Ministry of Transportation and

local permit approval.

The proposed location is between the old OPP station and the Subway franchise. The property is currently owned by the Masri family. Dave's On 35, a seasonal restaurant, was there for approximately eight years and the property was sold a year and a half ago, says Minden ReMax realtor Bill Kulas.

"We have obtained a bonafide

buyer. The conditions of sale are subject to township approval. The buyer (Pioneer) contacted us through a representative and put together a proposal last October. These large commercial sales take time," says Kulas. "I think this bodes well for the area. It will encourage growth and promote growth. It's good for the community."

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Heave ho

Minden's Dave Sisson and his horses, Nick and Jim, work together as a team to log local forests. last week they were working near Gooderham. Photographer Darren Lum's photo essay is on page 8

Stanhope to stay in riding

by MARTHA PERKINS
Times Staff

It's not very often that a reporter's phone call can make a politician whoop with excitement.

"Oh good, that is absolutely fantastic," Algonquin Highlands Reeve Eleanor Harrison said with much enthusiasm when she found out, through *The Times*, that she and other politicians had convinced Elections Canada to keep Stanhope in the riding of Haliburton, Victoria, Brock.

Not only that, but the commissioners in charge of re-drawing the boundary map even gave Sherborne et al back to the riding.

"This is tremendous," Harrison said upon hearing the news Thursday night. "I didn't know if we could pull it off."

Her deputy-reeve, Don Shortreed, was a bit more skeptical. "You're kidding," he said when he heard the news – and he wasn't kidding that he thought the newspaper was kidding. "Is this a joke?"

A few moments later, he was as ecstatic as Harrison. "Well I'll be darned," he said. "That's really good news."

Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey had already heard the news by the time the newspaper

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Shining students

HHSS students want your dirty cars...to clean, that is. (From left) Aaron Ketner, Nick Russell, Jen Moore, Abby Hagerman, Trevor Ottley, Vanessa Smith, Jenny Locke and Jenny Locke will be holding a car wash to raise money for the prom and the student council. It's from 10 to 3 p.m. on April 6 at the Minden Animal Clinic.

OPP seeks help with suspicious fire investigation

• The Haliburton Highlands OPP is continuing its investigation into a suspicious fire which destroyed a building at Minden Home Hardware on February 10.

The police would like to remind people that anyone with information about the fire can call the detachment at 286-1431 or CrimeStoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS.

• Can you give the Canadian Cancer Society a lift? Or rather, some of the people in the Highlands who are coping with cancer? Volunteer drivers are needed to transport patients to treatment centres in Kingston, Toronto, Lindsay and Peterborough. If you can help, please call Marion at 448-2017 or 1-8000-463-0432.

Clarification

Transportation not a mandated role for accessibility group

The Times wishes to clarify a story in last week's edition entitled "County grapples with accessibility."

The issue introduced in the beginning of the article is not about getting to voting booths but rather the right of disabled individuals to privately cast a ballot. The Times apologizes for this editing error.

The confusion resulted because the Haliburton County Accessibility Advisory Committee agreed to address transportation issues; however they are not mandated to by the Ontario Disability Act.

In fact, Gary King, county chief executive officer, informed the committee none of the other municipal accessibility plans he looked at included transportation issues.

Ross Rigney, county warden, sits on the committee and agreed with Donna Pacey-MacDonald, executive director of Haliburton Highlands Home Support Services, that transportation needs to be an issue because of the county's elderly population.

He also noted that just because a transportation service for the disabled failed in the past in Minden, that should not necessarily preclude Dysart's DYMO bus service expanding to other areas of the county. The DYMO bus is wheelchair accessible; right now, it only services the municipality of Dysart et al.

And as an update to the story, Rigney says that when he and members of county council (which consists of municipal reeves) sat down to discuss the committee's request to hire summer students to assess all municipally owned structures for accessibility, they voted against it. Rigney says he is convinced the four townships' chief building officers and staff can complete the work within a couple of days instead of hiring students.

Legislation mandates all municipal structures be assessed for the purpose of drafting an accessibility plan due this September.

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Luckily, the washout on County Road 503 near Irondale was discovered in the early morning of March 26 and the road could be closed before there were any accidents. A former Snowden reeve says the accident illustrates what happens when budget money isn't dedicated to maintenance.

Culvert collapse washes away road

by SHERYL LOUCKS
Times Staff

The cave-in of a section of County Road 503 last Wednesday may have been avoided by a long overdue repair, some say.

At 2 a.m. on March 26 the lone county patrol man on duty received a call from Bell Canada informing him that an underground fibre optic cable had been breached along 503 near the Milburn Road (halfway between Gooderham and Kinmount). The patrol man, who was in a different portion of the county, went to investigate.

At 4 a.m., he phoned county roads operations manager Doug Ray to say approximately 60 feet of the outlet had gone down the Burnt River, taking about 600 yards of "material" or fill from around the culvert. The roads department is still on a winter schedule meaning so the 4 a.m. crew was sent to begin repairs immediately and close that section of the road to traffic.

Ray says it looks like the downstream side of the bank got saturated with water after the culvert got plugged by chunks of melting ice that had come down the waterway. He said that it is like a sandcastle that collapses after the sand underneath gets wet and washes out.

He estimated it would be a two-day job to repair. The department will replace both end sections of the culvert, backfill around it and put on an asphalt patch. Later in the summer, he says, they will put in a plastic liner in the culvert.

George Simmons, former Snowden reeve and county warden, says the culvert needed repairing when it was still a provincial highway about five years ago. He does not agree with the type of fill placed around the culvert and says the county had nearby access to stone from a quarry.

County Warden Ross Rigney says the road and culvert were up to standard and it has not been their experience that former provincial highways were constructed in any kind of slipshod manner.

Simmons argues the province provided \$2.5 million when four highways were downloaded to Haliburton County but county councils have chosen to allocate funds to larger projects instead of doing smaller maintenance work.

"I'm not belittling the county roads department but the county has been cutting the roads budget. At some point they need to be pro-active instead of reactive. I understand they're making cuts to try to maintain tax levels because they have more responsibilities after provincial downloading. My concern is that they maintain or increase the roads budget," says Simmons. "If you don't have roads, you don't have anything. To me it's pretty important. This (culvert collapse) could have caused a serious accident - what if a school bus had been coming along there?"

Simmons said the county needs to reinstate the practice of hiring a roads engineer. The former engineer left about three years ago and has not been replaced. He says the argument has been that the coun-

ty does not need an engineer if they are not building new roads but he thinks an engineer's opinion is needed to determine which repairs should take priority.

Rigney says that is Simmons' opinion. He says they have been "quite happy" without an engineer and having one at the county is not a requirement. Rigney conceded it may be something the county looks at in the future.

Rigney says this year the roads department asked for a 38 per cent increase and the county is going to try to keep the budget even to last year's but it will be redirecting funds to smaller projects that have been put off for the last few years. The past priority has been put on larger projects such as the Kushog Road and the County Road 121 reconstruction.

Cash infusion won't cover HHHS projected deficit

by JERRY GROZELLE
Times Staff

Haliburton Highlands Health Services has received \$105,000 from the provincial government. The money will be applied to the deficit which has been incurred over the past fiscal year, as well as the projected deficit for 2003-04.

The preliminary budget for the coming fiscal year projected a deficit of \$500,000 by the end of March 2004, leaving a shortfall of nearly \$400,000. Board Chair Jack Brezina noted that next year's budget

is still in the preliminary stages.

"The \$105,000 is that much less that we have to cut," he said. He stressed that the Minden and Haliburton hospitals are already operating as efficiently as possible. "There is no fat in the organization. Any cuts would have to involve staff."

Staff salaries account for about 80 per cent of the HHHS budget. Brezina said if staff has to be cut, services will suffer.

The board will continue to lobby for additional government funding.

HHHS CFO Cathy Outram spent at least three weeks preparing a report that the Ministry of Health required. Brezina

said the report was in the form of a binder that was four or five inches thick. A local delegation, including Outram and Brezina, went to Toronto to present the report to the ministry on February 19.

CAO Keith Sansford noted at last week's board meeting that HHHS is underfunded by about 25 per cent. "If the local board was funded up to where it should be, there would be no deficit and we would be entitled to the fund which is available to 'efficient' hospitals which aren't in a deficit situation."

"We're working to make ends meet," said Outram.

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County hopes \$15,000 enough to attract doctor

by MARTHA PERKINS
Times Staff

With a cheque from the county for \$15,000 to dangle as an enticement, a local committee dedicated to luring more doctors to the Highlands hopes it now has to power to make a difference in at least one doctor's decision on where to set up his practice.

County council readily agreed to the doctor recruitment committee's request for \$15,000 to offer to a doctor who was seriously considering a move to Haliburton. It even suggested setting up a pot of \$75,000 to dip into should other doctors be wavering on their decision.

"We know of two physicians interested in coming to Haliburton," Dr. Dick Charron said at Wednesday's county council meeting. "One is a new grad with a family cottage here and he did his residency here, as well as locums. The problem is he's being wooed by other areas. The physicians at the Haliburton Family Medical Centre do feel a gesture could make the difference."

If Haliburton County were designated as an under-served area, the \$15,000 would come from the province. But despite the county's attempts to get the designation, so far it's only been granted to Minden. The two doctors who are interested in moving to the Highlands want to join the clinic in Haliburton, which is why the provincial money isn't available to them.

"It's a serious problem," Charron said.

"We don't want to pay out huge amounts but we don't want to miss an opportunity."

Minden Hills Deputy-reeve Jim McMahon asked why the county should support a doctor going to Haliburton when Minden was in such desperate need for doctors.

Charron said that "With young physicians, the top priority is a group practice. They don't want to be isolated. As well, the Haliburton clinic has more exposure [to young doctors] because it's part of a teaching program at the University of Toronto."

Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey said that since doctors in Haliburton have patients from across the Highlands, "a doctor [anywhere] in Haliburton County is good for all of us."

He also noted that the doctors at the Haliburton clinic have invested a lot of money in advertising for doctors. "They certainly have been making the effort."

Algonquin Highlands Reeve Eleanor Harrison said that her daughter, who's a nurse, has told her "horror stories" of how much other areas are offering to doctors to relocate. "How can we ever compete?"

Over the past three years, three doctors have left the Haliburton clinic and one doctor retired in Minden, where another doctor has had to reduce his practice due to health concerns, said committee member Jack Brezina, who's also chairman of Haliburton Highlands Health Services. That leaves two doctors in Minden and five full-time and three part-time doctors



Martha Perkins/TIMES

Jeanne Anthon, Jack Brezina and Dick Charron of the doctor recruitment committee asked for, and received, \$15,000 from county council to offer to a doctor to relocate to county.

at the Haliburton clinic where they are no longer adding names to the waiting list of people requiring a doctor.

Brezina said, however, there's optimism that the Ministry will fund the HHHS's proposed Community Health Centre at the Minden site. Funding would allow the HHHS to hire doctors and nurse practitioners on salary.

"We're sort of positive something will happen with [this application]," Brezina

said. "There may just be some money around."

The local doctor recruitment and retention committee has representatives from the Chamber of Commerce, service clubs, various health partners and politicians.

"It's a county-wide approach because it's a county-wide problem," Brezina said.

After the meeting, Charron said the committee members were "quite pleased" with council's response.

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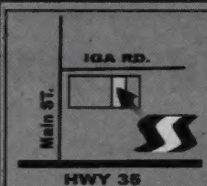
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Health centres closed to visitors to protect against spread of SARS

by JERRY GROZELLE
Times Staff

Precautions have been taken in case one or both of Haliburton County's healthcare centres have to deal with a SARS (severe acute respiratory syndrome) sufferer.

Both the Minden and Haliburton sites, including Hyland Crest and Highland Wood, are closed to visitors. The entrances have also been posted with notices warning anyone with SARS symptoms to report to the emergency departments.

Lynne Johnston, head of Ambulatory and Acute Care Services with Haliburton Highlands Health Services, said there were no cases of SARS confirmed in Haliburton County or the City of Kawartha Lakes as of Friday afternoon. She said she had participated in two teleconferences Friday with the Ministry of Health and the only two cases reported in the region were in Simcoe and Peterborough counties.

A rumour that a SARS case had been reported in Lindsay at Ross Memorial Hospital was unconfirmed. However, as a precautionary measure, both the Lindsay and Peterborough hospitals are restricting visitors.

SARS symptoms include a fever of at least 38 degrees Celsius (100.4° F) plus one or more of the following: cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing. Recent travel to Vietnam, Singapore or China, or close contact with anyone who has recently travelled to one of those areas, is also a consideration.

Anyone with symptoms consistent with SARS will be quarantined for 10 days. The incubation period for the illness, according to the World Health Organization, appears to be from two to 10 days.

Gallery expansion must be re-tendered

by SHERYL LOUCKS
Times Staff

The following are brief reports of items discussed at Thursday's Minden Hills council meeting.

Tenders are being called again for a \$260,000 Agnes Jamieson Gallery expansion project due to an error in the original process.

Reeve Ross Rigney says "much to our embarrassment" the project was never tendered properly in 2000. The project has to be sent back out for tender. Construction was not slated to begin until after the Studio Tour this fall.

The project entails erecting a new 2,000 square foot wing to house an André Lapine collection, create additional exhibition space and improve storage conditions for the art. The intention had been to hold a grand opening in May 2004.

Councillor Ingram Wessell asked if this was going to increase the cost. Rigney says that the time difference alone would increase the cost but the project will come back to council if there was a significant change. The project is being funded through a Superbuild and Industry Canada grant along with contributions raised locally and from the municipality.

Campaign Signs

Deputy-clerk Twyla Nicholson asked for direction from council about what they thought Minden Hills policy should be regarding election signs. Council needs to decide whether it will or will not allow signs.

Haliburton County does have a policy and some councillors suggested they follow its guidelines. Nicholson was asked to look at that plan and bring back a draft policy for the April 10 meeting.

Irondale Community Centre

Progress is being made with the development of the Irondale Community Centre. Councillor Ron Buchanan says the committee has received donated construction materials and would like to start construction of a basement once the frost goes out.

The committee has building permits and a clean slate of health for the former school portable they will be transforming into the center. Buchanan says the group has also garnered volunteers to help with the construction. The aim is to be in the new centre this year.

In order to do that, council was asked to forward a request to Highlands East for \$3,000 to cover the cost of Hydro hook-up. Buchanan explained that committee members had approached Highlands East, which asked them for direction on how they could be of assistance. (The building is in Highlands East but operated by Minden Hills.)

Councillor Bill Obee said he did not think it was appropriate for Minden Hills to request money from another municipality. Buchanan argued it was only in reply to a question and that they would word it politely.

Hike Haliburton

Buchanan also urged council to take advantage of funding available from Hike Haliburton to develop trails within Minden Hills. He suggested the municipality look at Snowdon Park where they could consider building a causeway out of old tires and A-gravel, a process approved by the Ministry of the Environment, in order to create a multi-use trail.

Buchanan also recommended council consider drafting a formal trail plan identifying the trails in Minden Hills and what uses council would like to see for those trails.

Council passed a motion stating its interest in trails.



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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Keep in touch, Merv

You don't have to be a member of the Anglican church congregation in Minden, Kinmount, Maple Lake or Irondale to know Merv Everall. Merv has been the Priest of those four churches for about four and a half years. He has also been a member of the Minden Rotary Club, the Minden Curling Club, the Haliburton County Library Board, the Friends of St. Peter's Church and other organizations. He is also the Padre of the Minden Legion, branch 636.

With all his community affiliations, you have to wonder where Merv found the time to prepare his sermons and do his other ministry work, such as visits to Hyland Crest.

It won't be just the members of his congregations who will miss Merv when he retires from active ministerial duties within the next few weeks. He has already moved out of the manse beside St. Paul's in Minden and is preparing to welcome the new Priest, Ryscilla Walsh Shaw, and her family. He has also sold his property on Maple Lake and his new home will be an apartment in Bobcaygeon. He says he had misgivings about leaving Minden after making so many friends here over the past few years. But the available apartments in Minden didn't appeal to him and the one he has in Bobcaygeon is overlooking the river, which will remind him of the view from the manse in Minden.

The good news for his friends in Minden and the surrounding area is that he plans to keep in contact. Bobcaygeon is a scant 40 minutes away, so he plans to visit often.

As a former English teacher, Merv says he has given serious thought to writing a book – or two. We're sure, given his experiences, anything he writes will be entertaining. We hope he follows up on that thought and gets started on his first book soon. He could probably fill one volume just with humorous anecdotes from his ministry. But the book some of us who happened to attend Lindsay Collegiate and Vocational Institute while he taught there in the mid to late 1960s, are anxiously awaiting is the one about life as a teacher at LCVI. Maybe we could collaborate, with a few anecdotes from the student's perspective.

Perhaps he will continue to be active in a few local organizations. If not, Bobcaygeon can look forward to his presence and community spirit.

In some ways, we have some sympathy, for lack of a better word, for the new Priest. She will have a large pair of shoes to fill. With a husband and small child, her spare time is sure to be limited. We hope the community won't expect her to be quite as involved as her predecessor. But we're sure the congregations of the four churches will make her feel welcome.

Merv will be remaining in Minden for a while to help the new Priest and her family acclimatize to the area – introduce them to the community and its "movers and shakers."

Whatever Merv Everall does when he finally retires, we hope he enjoys his time away from his ministerial duties and finds hobbies and pastimes that keep him busy, entertained and young at heart.

Keep in touch Merv.

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IMAGES OF THE HIGHLANDS

Ice patterns

Photo by DARREN LUM/Times

TO THE EDITOR

Times readers write

Seasonal residents matter

To the Editor:

I have been catching up on my newspapers and came across the March 3rd issue of *The Times* containing council briefs from Minden Hills. I was appalled to read Deputy-reeve Jim McMahon's response to Councillor Peter Oyler's recommendation that the subject at hand be "deferred for one month, to April, to allow the seasonal residents an opportunity to attend the meeting." This issue mainly affects seasonal residents.

Deputy-reeve McMahon's response was "he didn't know why the township should make plans around seasonal residents, when it doesn't for any other issue."

Mr. McMahon missed the point when he said "seasonal." Certainly, many of these folk are not here year-round.

However, they do pay taxes year round (for which they receive very little). Many of these families have been paying taxes here for longer than Jim McMahon has been around. The seasonal residents keep this county afloat for the entire year, spending in our grocery stores, marinas, gas stations, restaurants etc..

How often have we been told to welcome the summer visitors, not to make snide remarks about the traffic on the roads and in the stores? Does this apply only to the public? Should not council too offer a little consideration to our seasonal residents? And what businessman would be so foolish to say 'ignore the summer visitors', even if he thinks it.

Dorie McAllister,
Ingoldsby and Minden

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IN OTHER WORDS

Columnists and Letters to the Editor

Where the truth lies

Mount Sterling, Iowa is no longer on the short list of places that I'd like to visit. And, you know, that's too bad; apparently the hunting and fishing around this sleepy town of 40 is second to none. It sounded like my kind of place — right up until last week.

That's when Mayor Jo Hamlet announced that he and some of his councillors are proposing a no-lying ordinance in order to counter the relentless waves of hunting and fishing tales that now assail his town. If he gets his way, anyone caught fibbing in Mount Sterling will have violated a civic by-law and will pay accordingly. Aside from the fine, I imagine they'll probably wash the liar's mouth out with soap.

Needless to say, I am opposed to this legislation. Though I have never actually told a lie myself, I have had passing acquaintance with one or two people who are reputed to have done so. Aside from that one little character flaw, they're generally good people and fine fishermen

to boot.

That's why I urge the Mayor to reconsider his actions. First off, from a strictly sporting perspective, there's nothing like honest anglers to ruin an area's reputation as a good fishing spot. Before you know it, when asked about their angling vacation in Mount Sterling, those who fish there will be mandated by law to say things like, "The fishing was slow," or even worse, "Caught a couple of small ones."

Hampered by the truth, they'll soon take their angling efforts to adjoining areas where they are free to make up good fishing tales. Of course, because of the lies told about the new area, soon the fishing pressure there will increase, taking a toll on the new area's waters. So much so that these areas will



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Steve Galea

also have to enact a no-lying bylaw in order to save the fish populations in their lakes. Naturally, once again dispossessed of their God-given right to lie, those same anglers who inspired these bylaws will be forced to move on to a newer area where the truth is not yet being propped up by unfair laws. Again, this will concentrate more anglers into ever shrinking habitat, forcing the local government to reluctantly enact anti-lying laws in order to protect their resources. And so it goes. It'll be a domino effect, I tell you.

Before long all, lying will be a punishable offense all over North America, if only as a conservation measure. Unfortunately, like most other fishing laws, this will affect other aspects of daily life too.

Politicians and used car salesmen will

suddenly find themselves restricted in their ability to speak in full sentences. Outdoor magazines will have to run photos of anglers with three-ounce fish. Swimsuit issues will be forced to show cellulite. When pulled over for speeding, you'll have to reluctantly agree with the police officer. When asked by your wife if those pants make her butt look big, well, I think you get the message.

Chaos will reign over the land. We, as a society, are not ready for the truth.

That's why I'm willing to offer my services as an anti-truth lobbyist in this most important battle. I'm willing to sacrifice my widely recognized reputation as the only honest angler left in order to take my case to the good people of Mount Sterling and warn them of the Pandora's box that they are about to open.

And after I'm done that, I'll catch a stringer full of ten-pound bass. Just like I did last summer.

Have a banana

*Time flies like an arrow
Fruit flies like a banana*

Consider the humble banana. Was there ever a more perfect fruit? No leaves to shuck, no rinds to claw away, no pits or stones to loosen your fillings. No need to add sugar or milk or any other thing. Just unzip....and eat.

The banana is a delicious, convenient self-contained meal. But even if it was as tart as rhubarb, as prickly as an artichoke and as impenetrable as a coconut, we would still be beholden to the banana. If only for its linguistic contributions.

We have banana seats on bicycles and banana peppers in the spice department. We have the banana fish, the banana boa and Harry Belafonte singing the Banana Boat song. Australia has the banana bird, Ontario has its banana belt; various Mafia families pay homage to their Head Bananas and Second Bananas.... and South and Central America have all manner of tin-pot dictatorships familiarly known as banana republics.

And where, pray tell, would humour be without the humble banana skin? Humour needs the banana skin. Stephen Leacock opined (although he disapproved) that the archetypal joke is the proverbial man walking down the street and slipping on the proverbial banana skin.

Whether the bard of Mariposa approved or not, there is something wonderfully amusing about the outsized, canary-hued, goofily phallic banana.

Too bad it's doomed.

Black Sigatoka is the culprit. It's a fungal disease that is lashing through banana plantations around the world even as I type. Don't they have fungicides that can knock out Black Sigatoka?

Well, yes, but that only helps for a while. "As soon as you bring in a new fungicide" says one expert, "the fungi develops resistance. One thing we can be sure of is that the Sigatoka won't lose this battle."

The problem is intensified by the fact that the bananas we buy are highly hybridized. Bananas in the wild are scrawny, tough as leather and full of seeds — virtually inedible. Over the centuries growers cultivated various mutant strains that had a sweet taste and no seeds. No seeds in the banana is a real plus for the eater, but it means the fruit is sterile; it can't be crossed with other strains to breed for disease resistance.

So is the situation hopeless? Some experts think so. Last month's edition of The New Scientist contains an article saying flatly that the banana as we know it could be a thing of the past within 10 years.

There's always the potential of new and more powerful fungicides, but that's not a mouth-watering prospect. Neither is another possibility: the genetically modified banana. Researchers have already developed genetically modified bananas that are resistant to Black Sigatoka, but lots of folks — including a columnist I know — are very leery of popping genetically tinkered comestibles down their cake holes.

But this is solemn stuff. Far too sober-sided for a treat as inherently cheerful as your humble banana. Let me leave you with the only banana joke I

know:

It's a story about a bus conductor. He works a downtown bus in Dallas. One day he rings the bell just as a passenger is coming through the door. The driver takes off and the passenger is run over and killed. This being Texas, the conductor is put on

trial, found guilty and sentenced to the electric chair. Comes the day of his execution, he's about to be strapped in the chair and the executioner asks if he has any last requests.

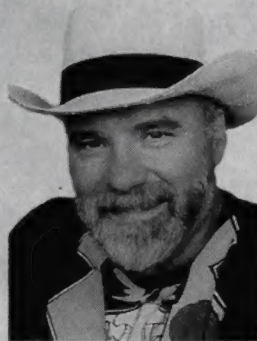
"Well" says the guy, "is that your lunch over there?" The executioner tells him it is. "Could I have your banana?" The executioner gives the condemned man his banana, allows him to eat it, then straps him down and throws the switch. When the smoke clears, the guy is sitting in the chair, looking around, totally unharmed. The executioner can't believe it. "Can I go now?" asks the guy. "I suppose so," says the executioner. "This never happened before."

The conductor is released, gets his old job on the bus back and six months later the same thing happens. He rings his bell before the riders have boarded, the bus takes off and another rider is run over. The conductor gets the death penalty again and exactly the same scenario unfolds. He eats the executioner's banana, the switch is thrown, millions of volts course through his body — the room fills with smoke and when it clears the guy is sitting in the chair, unharmed.

"This is insane!" yells the executioner.

"What's your secret? Is it the bananas?"

"Not really" says the guy in the chair. "I'm just a really bad conductor."



ARTHUR BLACK

Columnist

A different view of the Buckslides issue

To The Editor:

I wonder where Martha Perkins is getting her information Re: "Lawyers continue trying to end long-standing Buckslide controversy." She wrote, "A few years ago the current owners built fences extending from their property line down to the river, blocking access and did not allow canoeists to leave their canoes on shore while enjoying the slides."

Well "the current owners" have had the property in their family for over 54 years. As a member of that family I thought I should give you some of the facts. The Buckslides is not a navigable river. It's too

shallow and rocky. The portage trail does not even go along the river. It's not canoeists who come and "enjoy the slides." Right in front of our family cottage, crowds of people with beer bottles and dogs come. It's usually disgruntled cottagers who have coveted the property for years, or those who like to instigate an argument and there are the few oblivious trailer park campers who come.

As a good reporter you want to make sure your information is accurate.

Erin Lynch
West Guilford

MORE LETTERS

Times readers write

Thanks all around as trap removed from Gull River

To the Editor:

Re: Beaver Trapper
on Gull River

"smack" of thanks!

Sonya Proctor,
Deep Bay Road, Minden, Ontario

After my letter last week to The Times, I would like to acknowledge and thank the trapper for removing the beaver trap on Gull River in front of our home. The children of our family thank you. His friend, the Border Collie, thanks you. I thank you and Mr. Beaver gives a big

The Times welcomes letters to the editor on topics of community interest. These pages provide a public forum that can help make good things happen, as the letter above shows. All letters must be signed. Anonymous letters cannot be published. Emailed submissions should include the full name of the writer.



An honest day's work



Photo essay
by
DARREN
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Like many Highlands men in days gone by, Dave Sisson, makes a living from the sweat and blood he and his horses shed each day. Logging the old-fashioned way, leaving as small an imprint as possible, he has been working the forests of the Highlands for 10 years with his horses, Jim and Nick, cutting and pulling logs that can weigh as much as 10,000 lbs. out of the forest. He says little has changed in the decade he's been working his team, except for the size of the logging trucks that come to collect his logs. Even if they're "harder to fill" it means a "bigger pay day" when the work is done.

Hooked on hooking

Rug hookers host conference at Delta Pinestone

by SHERYL LOUCKS
Times Staff

Pioneers who began hooking scraps of materials onto old potato sacks never could have imagined having the time to play with the techniques nor the incredible assortment of fabrics that will be showcased at the Delta Pinestone on April 13.

More than 200 rug hookers will gather at the resort for a weekend conference as they explore modern twists to a tradition dating back to at least the early 1800s. The Haliburton Highlands Rug Hookers are hosting the event which will bring together more than 35 branches of the Ontario Hooking Craft Guild.

Members of the public are invited to join them on the Sunday to see how these crafts people use hooks as brushes and fabric as paint in astonishingly beautiful pieces. This year's theme is "Bear-a-ling Along in Haliburton." The conference participants will each receive a bear hooking kit with bear prints on burlap and the

Daren Lum/TIMES



With their completed work spread out on the dining table and works in progress in front of them, the rug hookers are never short of laughter (from left): Carole Bullen, Maraylene Welch, Ann Maher and Peggy Beattie.

required material to do the project inside.

The local rug hookers meet twice a month at the West Guilford Community Centre, averaging 10 to 12 women per meeting. Most have learned the craft from Peggy Beattie, a teacher certified by the Ontario guild. Beattie herself started hooking about 25 years ago when a teacher, who lived across the road from her sister, "got her hooked on hooking."

Hooking generally means taking a strip of material that is anything from 3 mm

wide to 6 mm wide and hooking it in a series of loops across a backing usually burlap or verel, a washable material.

The hooked strips of material can be hand dyed, the loops made of various size for a different texture effect or the hooked rug sculpted. Different materials from nylon to wool can make a piece shimmer or look warm and fuzzy.

Carole Bullen, a local rug hooker, says the works brought to the annual conference are "awe inspiring." She joked about

how vicious the women can get fighting over supplies brought in by a variety of dealers but in all seriousness says it is a huge perk of the show. This year there will be 13 boutiques.

Beattie says local artists such as Jane Selbie will make presentations during the conference and Carol Dewey from Teddy Time will also be on hand.

The public is invited to take in the art on Sunday at the Pinestone from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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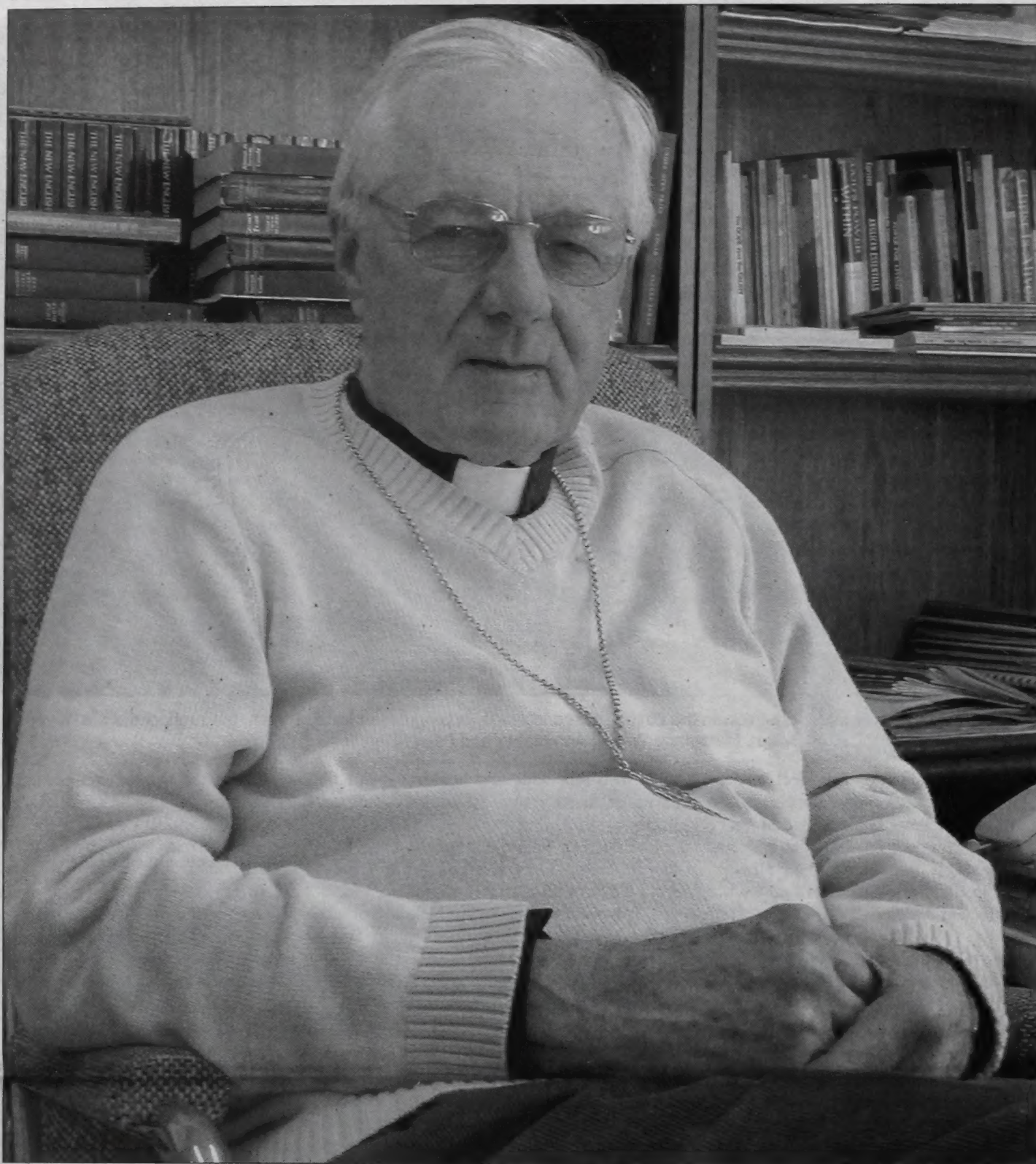
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Anglican priest Merv Overall retiring, reluctantly

by JERRY GROZELLE
Times staff

Merv Overall has earned a lot of respect and made a lot of friends in the Minden area over the past four and a half years. That's the length of time he has been the Anglican priest for four area churches.

Now, at the age of 72, he is, somewhat reluctantly, retiring.

Acting on the advice of his doctor, Overall is going to "take it easy."

The popular priest has always been an active member of any community in which he lived and worked, which will make retirement even harder for him. "I resisted at first," he said. "I've always been afraid of retirement."

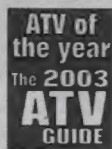
He shows no ill effects from a stroke he suffered last September, which hospitalized him for a week and kept him from working for several more weeks, but it influenced his decision to heed Dr. Roos' advice. "I was off for about five weeks," he said. "I

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Everall has been an ambassador for Minden

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couldn't drive. Lying around drove me crazy."

So, he spent a month at his condo in Myrtle Beach before returning to work.

"I've made friends with people here and I'm going to keep my friends," Everall said.

Rather than quit, cold turkey, Everall will ease out of the ministry while assisting the new priest, Ryscilla Walsh Shaw, ease into her first parish. He has already moved out of the manse to make room for the new priest and her family.

"A lot of people didn't want me to go," Everall said. "I'm a member of the Rotary Club, I'm on the County Library Board, I'm the Padre at the Legion..." He also served on the Museum Board for two years and on the committee formed to save St. Stephens Church. He was a member of the RCMP (Rural Committee for Multi-Point Parishes) and the Bishop's Area Council, which covers an area from Scarborough to Brighton and north to Haliburton County.

Everall will be leaving Minden but the good news for his friends is that he won't be going far. He has an apartment in Bobcaygeon overlooking the river, with plenty of trees. He said he looked at apartments in Minden, but the ones that were available were too small to suit him. The view from his apartment in Bobcaygeon is similar to what he has become accustomed to in Minden at the manse. And it's only about a 40-minute drive to Minden.

Everall has presided over some events where humour came to the forefront, even the occasional funeral. He remembers a couple of funerals in particular, where many of those in attendance to paid their last respects told humorous anecdotes about the dearly departed. For one especially

colourful character he never did finish the service — there were so many friends and relatives who had anecdotes to share that time didn't allow Everall to finish what he had planned.

He remembers one wedding where his view of the congregation from the front of the church seemed to transport him to a different venue.

"I looked out and on one side we had the Argonaut football team and on the other side we had the Minden women's baseball team," he said.

Some things happen in Minden that would never happen in an urban setting. He recalls a few late nights when groups of skinny-dippers cavorted in the Gull River near the manse, making enough noise to keep area residents awake. "I have to laugh about this new noise by-law," he said.

"I wonder how they are going to deal with [the skinny-dippers]."

Everall will celebrate 40 years in the ministry this May. Not all of that time was spent as a full-time priest. He had a second career as a teacher in schools from Oshawa and Orillia to Lindsay. He taught English and served as vice-principal at high schools

in Oshawa and Orillia. He was also principal at an elementary school in Oshawa.

He even tried his hand at politics, running provincially for the New Democratic Party.

That campaign was unsuccessful. He has been careful to separate his political beliefs from his ministry. "I've stayed out of politics as much as possible," he said.

Retirement doesn't mean Everall is planning a life of leisure. "I've always wanted to write a book," he said.

With his experience in the ministry and education, there is plenty of personal knowledge and background from which to draw.

Two of the highlights from his stay in Minden include paying off the substantial debt — more than \$100,000 — from the renovations to St. Paul's Church in Minden and the 135th anniversary of St. Paul's, which was celebrated two years ago. "St. Paul's is the oldest still worshipping church in Haliburton County," he said.

The debt was paid off through numerous fund-raising projects by the people of the parish.

The local parish covers a large area, drawing worshippers from well beyond the

four communities in Haliburton County with Anglican churches. It includes St. Paul's in Minden, St. Peter's at Maple Lake, St. James in Kinmount and St. John's in Irondale. "A lot of people come here in the summer from places such as Hamilton and Toronto and they consider the local churches their own," he said.

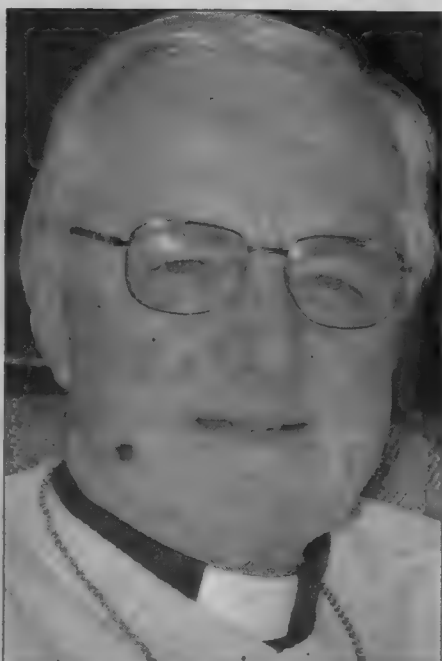
Everall said the rural ministry, of all faiths, suffers much the same as the rural doctor situation. It is difficult to recruit ministers for rural parishes because, like most doctors, they prefer to work in a larger centre where they believe the working conditions and equipment are better or the schools or other services are superior to what is available to rural residents. "He thinks the rural, life such as he's experienced in Minden and the surrounding area, has many advantages.

"ASES is a great school," he said. "The cost of living is lower and the social life is great. I've really enjoyed curling — we have a great curling club in Minden."

For nearly five years Everall has been an ambassador for the community. "I've always tried to sell this place to people," he said.

The rural lifestyle is much different from that of the urban residents, where people often live in one place for years and never get to know their neighbours. Everall considers himself a local. "If you want to get to know people in Minden all you have to do is stand in front of the post office for a while," he said. "Rural people are genuine people. You laugh with them, you cry with them, you marry them and you bury their dead. You have to earn your stripes with them."

In less than five years, Merv Everall has earned his stripes.



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Minden Hills chips in to pay for coverage of Timbersport on TV

by SHERYL LOUCKS
Times Staff

Since television coverage of Timbersport will promote Minden, committee member Ted Anthon asked Minden Hills council to consider increasing its contribution to the event from \$500 to \$1,500.

Timbersport is being filmed this year for two half-hour shows to be aired on the Outdoor Life Network and the Sports Network. The programs are slated to air as part of a Lumberjacks Challenge TV Series to start August 3 and will run several times in the fall and winter. The television contract will cost Timbersport \$2,500.

Deputy Reeve Jim McMahon said this contract has great potential to promote Minden so they should pay the entire tab. Councillor Bill Obee suggested they make the offer conditional upon review of the budget.

Council passed a motion to grant Anthon's request for exclusive use of the fairgrounds for June 13 and 14 and to provide the preparation work. They also agreed to pick up the \$2,500 television contract cost subject to budget approval.

Anthon said his group trained Parry Sound to run a Timbersport event and that municipality is now spending over \$40,000 on the event. Staff from the municipal economic development committee run the event because of its power as a tourist draw.

The Minden event draws several hundred spectators, is run by 40 volunteers, and attracts 60 competitors from the eastern United States and Canada. This is the 11th year Timbersport has been held in Minden.

All county workplaces, including vehicles, are smoke free

by MARTHA PERKINS
Times Staff

During a brief break in Wednesday's council meeting, county CAO Gary King sat in a small room clouded with smoke with two other county employees who are addicted to nicotine.

As he took a deep puff of his cigarette, King knew it would be his last — in the county building at least.

Several minutes later, he presented a motion to county councillors asking for a smoking ban in all county-owned workplaces. That includes the county office, roads buildings and any vehicles owned by the county.

"I'm breathing better already," he joked when the motion was unanimously passed.

At last month's county council meeting, Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey presented a notice of motion to let councillors know that in March they would be asked to impose a smoking ban in all county buildings.

When King researched how best to implement the ban, however, he found that the simplest method was through the Occupational Health and Safety Act.

Councillors were surprised that this would result in smoking being banned from county vehicles as well.

"Let's try not to say a vehicle is a building," Dysart et al Deputy-reeve Bill Davis said.

King responded that under the Act, smoking will be banned in all county workplaces, and workplaces included vehicles owned by the county. "If it's a workplace, you can't smoke there."

With tongue in cheek, he said that roads crews and administrative staff shouldn't mind the new rules. "It's for their health so they should be happy."

Meanwhile, Haliburton County is becoming an island surrounded by a smoke-free sea.

Jurisdictions in the north, east and south — Muskoka, Hastings and Kawartha Lakes — have already imposed county-wide bans on smoking in public places such as restaurants.

"If we don't deal with it, it won't go away," said Algonquin Highlands Reeve Eleanor Harrison, urging fellow county councillors to debate the issue.

It was noted that Dr. Alex Hukowich, the chief medical officer of health for the district health unit, will be attending the April council meeting. The health unit is leading the call for Haliburton County to impose the smoking ban. Councillors agreed that the county's course of action could be discussed at that time.



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Franchises want to start building on Hwy 35 in May

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The plan presented to council is still preliminary. The reps said that because of snow cover they have yet to do an environmental assessment, proper land survey, and storm water management but are now moving ahead with those studies.

The current proposal is to maintain the two Highway 35 entrances to the property. A three-island, six-pump, 12-position (12 gas nozzle) Pioneer station underneath a canopy will be constructed along with a 1,200 up to 1,500 square foot "Snack Express" convenience store. On the south end of the site will be a 2,800 square foot Tim Hortons complete with seating for 54 people, a drive-through with a lane long enough to stack 10 cars, and parking for 42 vehicles. Both businesses are proposing to operate 24 hours a day.

Bruce Hoppe, project manager from the TDL Group Ltd., which operates Tim Hortons, said that they hope to be able to have enough room in the parking lot for larger vehicles such as motorhomes and have some

flexibility with the drive-through lane for more room in the summer busy season. He says there is enough room on the site to ensure smooth traffic flow through the gas station and drive-through without the two interfering with each other.

Jim Woods, Pioneer development and environmental affairs manager, says the proposed station will sell diesel but they are not going to design the station for transport trucks. Woods says too many large trucks will "do strange things to traffic flow."

The plan will require a minor variance in order to put in an extra row of parking. Hoppe says according to township staff the site only needs 16 parking spots but due to the combined businesses on the site, volume and type of customers they are hoping for, they really want to put in an extra row of parking.

"We have a very tight timeline. If we secure a building permit within 30 days, then we'd start construction in May. We have a 10-to-12 week construction period and would hope to be open this summer," says Hoppe.

Reeve Ross Rigney ensured



The former Dave's on 35, left, which has been closed for a few years, is the future site of a 54-seat Tim Hortons and Pioneer gas station.

him that staff and council would do anything they could to help fast-track the project.

Woods told council their major concern was securing approval. However, they have already met with the regional MTO official, who told them he did not think they would have any problem securing a permit.

"We have had lots of dealings with MTO over the years. I was stunned at how cooperative they were," says Woods.

Hoppe added MTO is not asking for a traffic study.

Woods gave a brief background on Pioneer to council. The company was founded in 1958 in Hamilton and remains Canadian-owned. Pioneer has shifted focus in the last six years to building clean, modern facilities in rural, under-served areas.

"We tend to build first class facilities the communities don't have. This market is a prime example," says Woods.

Councillor Peter Oyler asked about landscaping and job opportunities. Hoppe said they will be doing a landscaping plan. The Tim Hortons will be open 24 hours a day for the first three months and they will assess how well that works. In some communities they keep the drive-through open and lock the restaurant in the late hours but that is usually for safety concerns. He estimated Tim Hortons would hire 30 individuals. Woods says Pioneer will definitely be open for 24 hours – it is part of their marketing strategy – and he expects they would employ 15 people.

Hoppe added that staffing will be decided by the franchise

owner of Tim Hortons. The new restaurant will be built and then, six weeks prior to opening, the franchise will be made available and turned over as a turn-key operation after the franchise owner has been trained by Tim Hortons.

Woods said Pioneer's policy is to have the station run by an agent; who does not have as much control as a franchise owner does.

Both men asked council if they had any questions or concerns about supporting their application. Rigney said the two businesses are welcome assets and will be replacing businesses they lost when Dave's On 35 and the Shell gas station closed.

In a later interview, Rigney says that he does not think the addition of a Tim Hortons will

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Sherborne given back to the riding

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called him. "I hear we got Haliburton County back together," he said.

Fearrey and Harrison were part of a local delegation to an Elections Canada commission hearing in Barrie several weeks ago. They argued strongly — as did MP John O'Reilly and MPP Chris Hodgson in their earlier submissions — that it was essential to keep all of Haliburton County in the same riding.

"Haliburton County is the smallest county in population," Fearrey says, "and if you pull parts of it off, there's not much left. There's a whole lot of tradition and pride here and we want to keep it that way."

Harrison says "The fear becomes that if you're going to take Stanhope, maybe the next time they'll throw Highlands East in with Hastings. The identity of Haliburton

County would be lost."

She and Shortreed were also passionate about keeping Algonquin Highlands — which is the amalgamated version of the former municipalities of Stanhope and Sherborne et al — together in the county because some politicians in Muskoka are clamouring to get Sherborne added to Muskoka.

"Traditionally, we're glad to stay in Haliburton County," Shortreed says.

As well, it's better for residents to be dealing with one federal and one provincial politician rather than two, he and Harrison agree.

When Sherborne et al, which includes the village of Dorset, was added to Muskoka in the last round of boundary changes, no one in the area knew about the process until it was too late to stop it.

At first, people in Sherborne were happy with the news because they thought

they'd be able to benefit from FedNor funding. (Muskoka is classified as part of Northern Ontario and eligible for more grant programs.) Then they learned that FedNor funding was not available to them.

"FedNor doesn't go with electoral boundaries so they felt in this no man's land," Harrison says.

MP O'Reilly is also pleased with the news.

"I can't get over it — we got everything we wanted," he said from his Ottawa office. "I think it's super."

The riding now becomes the second largest in southern Ontario in terms of size, although in population it's relatively small at 112,000.

As well as getting Sherborne back, all of Brock Township is added, instead of just a portion of it, and there's the addition of North Monaghan, which is south of Peterborough. All told, there are 44 municipalities in the riding.

O'Reilly says "The representations made by the concerned areas and myself presented a view of the riding that the commission felt was a good one."

MPP Chris Hodgson is pleased the

commission listened to the local delegations.

"It keeps Haliburton County as a unit, federally, provincially and municipally," he says. "It's a community of interest."

The Elections Canada report on the commission's decision is brief. It says "In making this decision, the Commission has responded to criticisms on behalf of the Township of Algonquin Highlands and others opposing the exclusion of this municipality from this electoral district."

With the new boundaries comes a new name. The riding is presently called Haliburton-Victoria-Brock. The Victoria represented the Victoria County which, as a political entity, is now the City of Kawartha Lakes. Elections Canada had suggested calling the riding Kawartha Lakes-Haliburton-Brock but O'Reilly asked to put Haliburton first because that's where the polls start. Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock reflects the riding's geography from north to south.

Elections Canada agreed to put Haliburton first.

These changes will take effect for any election, both federal and provincial, held after June 30, 2004.

Council throws support behind project

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change the feeling of the village's uniqueness largely devoid of franchise restaurants and says they are seldom approached about other franchise fast food places. He also says he does not think they will threaten existing businesses.

"We get more inquiries from residents about why we can't get a Tim Hortons franchise. I was in a local restaurant today and they said they thought it was good for the economy. Tim Hortons has their niche and so do the local restaurants," says Rigney.

Mike Jackson, owner of Mr. D's in Minden, agreed. He says he has a bottomless cup policy, more diversified menu and an established clientele.

"I'm told our coffee is great. I don't

think it (Tim Hortons opening) will affect our business," says Jackson.

As to why the two companies are proposing to locate to Minden, David McFarlane, Pioneer's vice president of real estate, says they were interested in moving to Highway 35. He also explained that the two companies have a history of Tim Hortons leasing a kiosk at a Pioneer station but this is the first joint venture for the two companies of this kind.

"We've had our eye on Minden for a while. I was familiar with the property and had been hoping to purchase it," says McFarlane.

Minden's selling points are the traffic flow on Highway 35 and cheaper land.

Representatives from Tim Hortons and Pioneer both said Haliburton did not have a location big enough to support what they wanted to build.

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The Haliburton Highlands Secondary School sent eight skaters to the Lindsay Invitational on March 18. The Red Hawks earned a win and two third place finishes. Coached by Janene Greer, this team completed its second year and continues to grow. HHSS teacher Kim Desjardins also helped the team: (from left) Maddie Mackenzie, Katlyn Hewson, Stephanie Foster, Nicole Perreault, Miky Rastello, Vanessa Davis and Terri-Lynn Lumley. Kneeling: Kerry Matysek and coach Janene Greer.

HHSS skaters score a first and two thirds in Lindsay

The following are the Red Hawks' results at the Lindsay Invitational figure skating competition on March 18:

Haliburton A team-Stephanie Foster, Nicole Perreault: 8th

Haliburton B team-Miky Rastello, Vanessa Davis, Maddie Mackenzie: 1st
Similar pairs:

Vanessa Davis and Katlyn Hewson: 3rd
Maddie Mackenzie, Nicole Perreault: 3rd

Team elements:
Haliburton A team-Maddie Mackenzie, Katlyn Hewson: 6th
Haliburton B team-Nicole Perreault, Stephanie Foster, Miky Rastello: 4th

Team elements two:
Team-Kerry Matysek, Vanessa Davis, Terri-Lynn Lumley
Team spins two:
Haliburton A team-Kerry Matysek, Vanessa Davis, Maddie Mackenzie: 6th
Haliburton B team-Terri-Lynn Lumley: 9th

CARNVARVON LANES

Tuesday Afternoon League, March 25

High average: Ken Thompson 210; Mona Benn 199
High single: Ken Thompson 320; Mona Benn 258
High single (handicap): Jim Finlay 276; Mona Benn 280
High triple: Ken Thompson 699; Mona Benn 691
High triple (handicap): Robert McIvor 737; Mona Benn 777

Wednesday Afternoon League, March 26

High average: Ken Thompson 218; Mona Benn 194
High single: Avard Edwards 241; Mona Benn 258
High single (handicap): John Whitty 277; Mona Benn 298
High triple: Avard Edwards 655; Mona Benn 760
High triple (handicap): John Whitty 791; Mona Benn 841

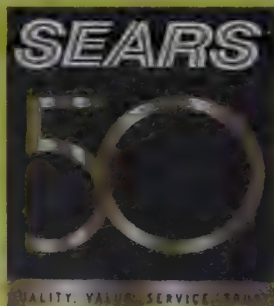
Thursday afternoon League, March 27

High average: Ken Thompson 240; Beverley Alexander 189
High single: Ken Thompson 289; Beverley Alexander 270
High single (handicap): Alf Briscoe 265; Beverley Alexander 320
High triple: Ken Thompson 721; Beverley Alexander 567
High triple (handicap): Walter Braker 700; Barbara Gamble 728

MINDEN LANES

Legion 636 Mixed League, March 24

High average: Bob Vankoughnet 192; Pat Roussel 148
High single: Milt Fletcher 219; Marie Dennie 181
High single (handicap): Milt Fletcher 292; Marie Dennie 292
High triple: Bob Vankoughnet 579; Elaine Smith 436
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 Nick Pawluch crouches
 behind his finished
 models. He expects to
 finish his molding
 and painting
 in a couple of years.


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General Nick Pawluch

 by JERRY GROZELLE
 Times staff

An impressive army of soldiers is being quietly amassed in Minden and retired teacher Nick Pawluch is

the general in charge. Thousands of infantry, cavalry and artillery men are under his command and the numbers are growing daily.

Pawluch is building his army from a table

in his living room and has been doing so, off and on, for more than 20 years. With an electric hot plate, a melting pot, some hard rubber molds and a mixture of bismuth, tin, antimony and lead, Pawluch is recreating a piece of history — on a miniature scale.

"I've always been interested in history," Pawluch said. He is especially fascinated with the period from about 1700 to 1850. But what he is working on is a diorama (depiction) of one specific day — June 18, 1815 — the Battle of Waterloo, when a coalition of British, Dutch, Belgian and German forces, commanded by the Duke of Wellington defeated Napoleon.

Pawluch first started molding miniature soldiers when he was a kid. Back then, the primary metal he used was lead. The craft was abandoned and it wasn't until a colleague, George Burley, brought molds and the metal alloy to school for the children to experience miniature modeling that Pawluch's interest was rekindled. That was in the early 1980s, and he has been building his armies ever since. "I got tired of standing in line to use the molds, so I bought my own," he said with a chuckle.

The hard rubber molds come from a company in Ireland and the metal alloy, which melts at a relatively low temperature, is purchased mostly in one-pound bars from a company in the United States. Depending on the specific figure he's molding, a pound of alloy can produce as few as 10-15 or as many as 40 or more soldiers. He points out that the metal alloy, even though it contains

a minute amount of lead, is safe to handle. "There's no danger. It's safe as long as you don't eat it," he said.

On a good day, with several molds in use, Pawluch said he can mold 20 to 30 figures an hour. "That includes removing the flashing (excess metal)," he said. That doesn't include the painting, though. Pawluch paints his figures in authentic colours, matching the uniforms as closely as possible. Each soldier, after the flashing is removed and it is filed smooth, is immersed in a pickling vinegar solution to prepare it for painting. The vinegar etches the surface of the metal giving it a clouded surface to which the paint will readily adhere. The painting is the slowest part of the process, with each colour applied to a series of figures before moving on to the next colour. One colour must be dry before moving on to the next colour. He uses acrylic model paint.

"One summer, when I was home by myself, I did 600 in two months," he said. He says he has enough molded now to keep him painting for two years.

With thousands of soldiers already completed and a couple of thousand molded and ready to be painted, he still has several thousand to mold and paint before he can build his Battle of Waterloo diorama.

"I haven't even thought of where it will take me," Pawluch said. "It's something to keep my hands busy, now that I'm retired. I can't sit still, doing nothing."

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Darren Lum/TIMES

Nick Pawluch shows a finished tin-soldier his son helped him make years ago.

His armies will recreate Waterloo

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Nick's wife Linda, who also recently retired from her job in the office of Archie Stouffer Elementary School, sits and knits while her husband molds his miniature soldiers. "When he's finished, we'll need a war room," She quipped. She added that everywhere they go, Nick searches out the hobby shops.

Nick Pawluch's research of the history of that bygone era has yielded some interesting facts that show a vast contrast between then and now. "Back then, it took a month to get a message a few hundred miles. Today it's all done in the blink of an eye," he pointed out. "The old smoothbore muskets were very inaccurate and they were often as dangerous to the shooter as the guy he was shooting at."

Soldiers of Napoleon's time were subject to the strictest discipline. "It was quite horrific," Pawluch said. "The foot soldiers were low man on the totem pole. They were expected to hold the line in the face of enemy attack at all costs."

Casualties, it seems, were of little concern to army commanders. A few hundred men here or a few thousand there were considered expendable.

Pawluch said he had planned to model all of the different regiments – paint groups of soldiers in specific regimental colours – until his research revealed there were a hundred or more.

Nick, his wife Linda, daughter Andrea and son Tristan took a tour of the War



Nick Pawluch gestures with his right hand towards the molds he'll be using later in the week for a few more hundred other models in different stances.

Museum. During the tour, they saw some miniature molded soldiers for sale similar to the ones Nick makes. Andrea commented at the time that the quality of the ones on sale at the museum were not as good as the ones made by her dad.

Most of the models Pawluch molds are done during the colder months. "It comes

to a point where I've had it – so I just put it away for a while," Pawluch said.

When he does decide to put the molds, hot plate and alloy away for a rest, that doesn't mean Nick Pawluch will be idle. He is in the process of turning his garage into a woodworking shop. And there's always the radio controlled model airplanes

that he has to finish.

Eventually, his attention will return to the task of preparing his armies for the Battle of Waterloo diorama.

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Work begins on Rail Trail planning

On Track

It is full steam ahead for Haliburton County's Rail Trail. A consulting firm has been contracted to prepare a master plan to upgrade and develop the rail trail as a shared-use "signature" trail. The planning process is about to begin and will involve detailed inventory and mapping, consultation with stakeholders, identification of issues and opportunities, formulation of development and management options, and preparation of an implementation plan. Ken Buck, of ESG International and project coordinator, promises to get the community, adjacent landowners and other stakeholders involved from the outset and maintain their involvement and interest throughout the planning process. A final plan is expected by the end of September.

The Rail Trail Committee, chaired by Jim Blake and consisting of Ross Rigney, Murray Fearrey, Gary King, Roy Haig, Bob

Johnson and myself, will steer the project. This initiative is funded by the Ontario Small Towns and Rural Economic Development (OSTAR) program, along with matching dollars from the County of Haliburton and the Haliburton County Development Corporation. A portion of the funds to implement the plan will be raised through the "Making Tracks" fund-raising campaign, soon to be launched by the Trails and Tours Network. Individuals, families and businesses will be able to "adopt a metre" of the Rail Trail.

A new and improved Rail Trail will provide better recreational opportunities for residents of and visitors to the Haliburton Highlands. If you would like to be one of the first to "adopt-a-metre" or need more information please contact the Trails and

Tours Network at 705-286-1760 or info@trailsandtours.on.ca.

Reflections on Winter

Before the trilliums and blackflies are upon us, I think some reflections on winter past are in order. Ah, It was a fine winter, indeed, for winter recreation enthusiasts.

The Haliburton Nordic Ski Trails were in great shape thanks to the grooming efforts of Wes Lytle and Tom Russell.

Wes sends this report: "Last autumn the word was - El Nino all over again. Well, there's always two parts to an El Nino winter - the cold half and the warm half. The cold half usually hits the west, while we Easterners get the warm part. This year we finally got the cold half. And cold it was. As a Siberian air mass settled over all of Ontario, and stayed there for most of the winter, we were treated to week after week of frigid temperatures, with snowfall totalling something near 10 feet (we'll leave that in Imperial units as three meters sounds like less). As a result, one problem for skiers was dry snow, giving poor glide and doubling the skier's effort. Many skiers were forced to relearn the arcane science of low temperature waxing.

The early snow resulted in premiere conditions around the resorts at Christmas, a bonus; these good conditions continued all season long and all through spring break. Good skiing means good tourism. Glebe Park and Moosewoods both enjoyed excellent seasons as well.

The early snow formed a huge base that withstood all forms of abuse, including one

ice storm, many deer and the occasional errant snowmobile. The good conditions in Glebe were especially sweet because of uncertainties created by last summer's logging and a reconfigured stadium area. Moosewoods thrilled all visitors with its level, wide, expertly maintained trails.

All in all, the winter of 2002-2003 created a benchmark by which winters for the next few years will be judged. Every component, from snow, to temperatures, to mechanical reliability - everything fell into place. So if anyone ever offers you an El Nino winter, just make sure you get the better half."

Ski Friends, Wally Ozog, Margaret Brogden, Ted Koehler and Eric Christensen and trail groomer Bruce Davidson report an excellent season on the Frost Centre ski trails. A record number of season passes were sold, and March Break was a very busy week. One skier staying in a lodge up Huntsville way and after skiing in Arrowhead and Algonquin Parks, claimed the Frost Centre trails were the best. Another skier was quite impressed with the wolf he saw on the Otter Slide Trail.

According to Bob and Pauline Johnston, the Haliburton County Snowmobile Association had a great year. "The trail conditions for this season were the best we have seen around here in a number of years. Letters and e-mails came pouring in to compliment the HCSA for the wonderful job it was doing. The feedback was much appreciated by club members. Even with a slow start in permit sales, we ended up with a respectable number totaling 2,800."

The Trails and Tours Network, in partnership with Health for Life, offered five winter active workshops at local outdoor centres,

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Card players hold hot hands

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Wednesday, March 26 bid euchre at Stanhope: Five moonshots landed on Rob Evans, Alf Helleman, Edith Burch, Milton Fletcher and Pat Roussel. Pat also led the pinks with 315 points, with Sharon Evans 293 second and Betty D'Ambrosio 289 third. Topping the white cards was Esther Lee 315, followed by Ken Wallace 283 and Marcel Roussel 270.

Wednesday, March 26 duplicate bridge at Park Lane, Haliburton: With 65%, the

duo of Muriel McIntosh and Ross Fletcher took first place. Gladys Fugar and Norma Crewson 54% were next and Joan Galley teamed with Mike Collins 53% third.

Wednesday, March 26 Kinmount Seniors euchre at the Kinmount Legion Branch 441: For the ladies Isa Hilyer had the high score and Marg Viney the low. Bill St. Thomas and Ted Wilkins were men's high/low. Most lone hand holder was also Isa Hilyer, while Gerald Silver won the draw.

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Future for local trails keeps getting brighter

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including snowshoeing, kick sledding, cross country skiing, dog sledding and winter camping. Good weather, skilled instructors and keen participants resulted in a successful endeavour. Thanks to all who made it possible – Haliburton Forest, Kinark Outdoor Centre, Kandalore Outdoor Centre, YMCA Wanakita, Frost Centre, Bobby Masson, Dan Mahoney, Val Neumann, Bob Davis, Karl Hartwick, Denise Sauve, Kari Siirala, Christa Robinson, Cat Aikman, Ralph Brune and Jen Cockburn; volunteers Mike Townsend, Yves Carrier, Peter and Margaret Brogden, Karen Rainey; and, of course, all participants.

Trail Notes

If Peter Brogden has anything to do with it, the future looks

promising for trails in Algonquin Highlands. Peter notes that, "the Hiking and Walking Trails Committee has been making contacts with volunteers who will help with trails near Oxtongue, Jean Lake and the Dorset Fire Tower, as well as planning to extend the north end of the Ridge Trail to include some spectacular viewpoints on a new loop. The ambitious name for this new loop is the "Circuit of the Five Viewpoints" and we hope to have it opened by August, all ready for fall colours. With Gwen Brice as the Trails and Tours co-ordinator for Hike Haliburton, the work of brochures, maps, guides and web pages for these trails will be well looked after. So get your boots cleaned and greased ready to go!"

Mark Coleman, the Haliburton Highlands Water Trails project co-ordinator, has started and office operations are now open. Mark extends a warm thank you to all those individuals and groups he has met to date and the offers of support. Coming projects include the availability of a HHWT brochure in May, development of sign kiosks at access points within the Frost Centre Area, campsite privy

improvements, camper information surveys and much more. Anyone wishing to get involved and offer hands-on support for any project is welcome. For project details and meeting dates contact Mark at 705-489-2379 or The HHWT@aol.com or drop in to see him at the Township of Algonquin Highlands office on North Shore Road.

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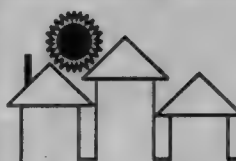


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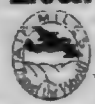
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After this cold and snowy winter we have grown to appreciate all our volunteers even more as the cold was so bitter for so long, with snowy conditions the norm. All this created an atmosphere of confinement, where seeing their faces was truly refreshing.

Each month we will try to list all of our special guests, unfortunately we can't remember everyone but don't think you are not special to us. Each time we finish gathering and move on about our daily activities other people and events come into our heads but too late for Senior League. This month we have decided to list you in a rather formal way only to avoid forgetting to mentioning most of you.

This month we will begin with our entertainers, they are: The Norland Hillbillies; Cooper, Schell and Owens; Jack and Ruth Worthington; Gord Kidd (nice to have you back Gord); Allsaw Gospel Singers; Jeff Barry; The Hot Flashes; Joy Bain; Gord Kennedy, along with Olive and Weldon.

Now we would like to thank our Tea Party hosts who were: Haliburton UCW, Allsaw Pentecostal and the Lakeside Baptist group.

Now our friends who come to visit and share an open ear, which is attached to their hearts. These kind people are: The Salvation Army group, Rev. John Burgess

and for Chapel – Pastor Dan Millard, Pastor Ashley Taylor, Marion Sedgewick and Rev. Tim Sharpe.

On Tuesday evenings we enjoy our weekly "Chat with Jean." There is always something interesting to chat about and help pass the time. In fact time goes by all too quickly when shared with the good company we have mentioned above.

Saturday morning bingo is an ongoing favorite. It's nice to see so many people out enjoying themselves. We keep trying to stay active and our exercise programs help us do just that. They are – Keep Fit and Joints in Action. Along with the physical exercises we slip in a few mental ones as well. Remember you must keep mind, body and spirit working to stay healthy and happy. We also have Nancy who is in restorative, she helps those of us who need that little extra to get or keep going and some of us keep her very busy.

We have great voices; at least they sound that way to us when we become entertainers ourselves during Karaoke. We don't think any of us are up to performing on the "American or Canadian Idol" shows though, however fun is the name of the tune as we put forth the effort, remembering songs of yesteryear that bring back pleasant memories.

We played a new game called baseball this month in the auditorium, it sure kept everyone moving and laughing. The bases were loaded several times. Doris Clarke sure had her luck of the Irish!

On St. Patrick's Day we celebrated by watching the movie "Pleasures of Ireland." Through the wonder of television we

enjoyed the beauty and culture of Ireland. There was plenty of discussion on whether any of us would climb upside down to kiss the Blarney Stone. That Blarney stone really works, it brought us laughter just seeing it as we imagined ourselves precariously perched to kiss a rock. We think we

have plenty of rocks here if we ever took the notion to kiss one and we wouldn't have to stand on our head to do so either.

We enjoyed doing something we hadn't done, probably since grade one or before. We traced our hands on construction paper, however that only led up to a discussion on all the things we had done with those hands. We remembered playing piano, gardening, sewing, etc. We believe the general tasks of raising a family and all the care that went into our children was most fondly remembered.

This month we welcome Wanda Davis who has joined us on respite for a short while. Nice to have you with us Wanda!

We are saddened by the passing of Marion Boucher. Marion had not been with us for long but we grew to know her and she will be missed. Our condolences to her family and friends.

Thoughts of cheer go out to some of our residents who have not been feeling well. They are Sid Roberts, Harold Orsborne, Ed McKelvey, Emma Hewitt and Ruth Fiddler. Hope all are embracing good health soon.

It was nice of our volunteer Pat Walton to share her Australian holiday with us. Especially the Kangaroo, Macadamia nut cookies.

Coming in April we are having an

information "Family Council Meeting." To be held on April 10, with guest speakers from Mary Crest Nursing Home in Peterborough. We hope all interested family members will be able to attend.

On April 24 Silverts clothing is coming so we can do a little shopping. Now that's service, an entire store brought right to our door.

SENIOR LEAGUE

News from Hyland Crest

Graduation



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CHACE Playgroup will be at The Dorset Recreation Centre on Monday, April 7 and Monday April 14 between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. This is a free program, open to pre-

school children and their care givers/parents and offers toys, activities, songs, crafts, parenting tips and socializing with others. All are welcome.



DORSET NEWS

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A Seniors' Friendship Luncheon will be held at the Dorset Recreation Centre on Thursday, April 10 at noon. For more information, or to reserve, please call Donna

Nairn at 789-0876.

On Saturday, April 12, between 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m., The Honourable Andy Mitchell, MP Parry Sound - Muskoka, will be at the Dorset Recreation Centre for a town hall meeting. All are welcome to attend with their questions and comments. Please call the Recreation Centre at 766-9968 to confirm the meeting as Andy's schedule is subject to change.

The Dorset Community Kitchen group will be meeting on Thursday, April 17 to make Easter bread. If you are interested in participating, please call 766-9968 by April 14 to sign up.

St. Mary Magdalene's Anglican Church in Dorset will be holding a Maundy Thursday Service on April 17 at 4 p.m. A Good Friday service will be held on April 18 at 11:30 a.m. and Easter services will be held on April 20 at 11:30 a.m.

Knox United Church News: As of Sunday, April 6, Knox United services will be held at 11:30 a.m. A Good Friday service will be held at Knox at 10:00 a.m. Easter Sunday service will be held at 11:30 a.m. An interesting Lenten bible study group meets at 11:30 a.m. on Fridays, studying major world religions. Any and all are welcome to join - bring a bag lunch!

The Dorset Recreation Centre is now accepting resumes for the July and August Summer Day Camp Program. If you are interested, and have life-guarding qualifications, please forward your resume to: The Dorset Recreation Centre, Box 99, Dorset, Ontario, P0A 1E0 or by fax to 705-766-9688 or e-mail to drc@vianet.on.ca. For more information, please call 705-766-9968.

Birthday wishes for March 30 to April 5 go out Cole Greenaway, Emily Shortreed, Adam Jones and Karla MacKay and Happy Anniversary to Ted and Gloria Morris. Have a wonderful day!

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The full list appeared in the editions of the Minden Times and the Haliburton County Echo published on March 17th and 18th respectively. If you do not have a copy of either paper, the list may be obtained from either the municipal office on North Shore Road or the satellite office on Main Street in Dorset, during regular business hours.

Each citizen coming to the office has the opportunity to inspect a map of all the public and private roads to ascertain the status of your particular road. The name, by which that road was known in the past, will either appear intact, be changed through loss or addition of a word or replaced in its entirety. Any concerns you have may be registered with the municipality for its consideration and possible referral to the County.

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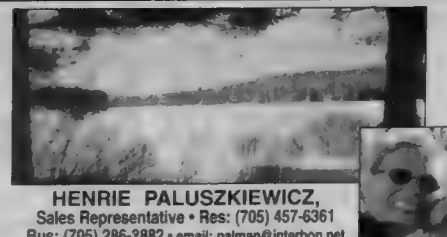


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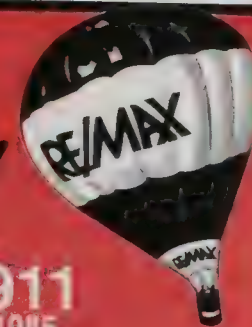
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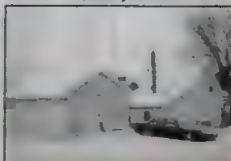


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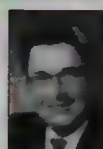
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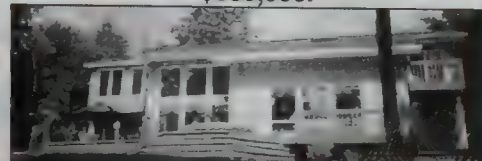


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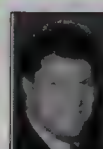
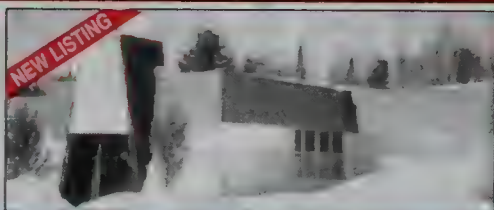
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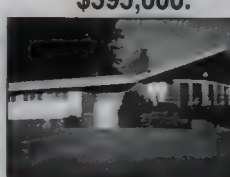


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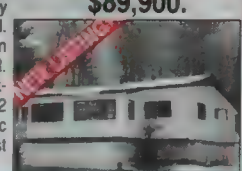
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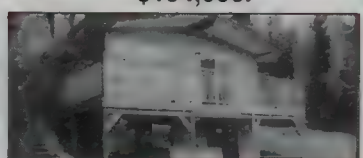
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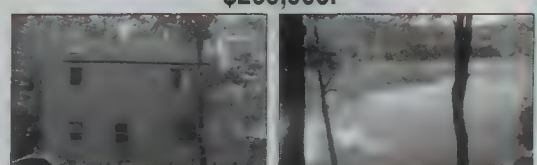


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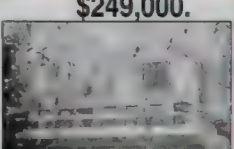
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KASHAGAWAMOG LAKE

2 bdrm. 1 1/2 storey home, cath. ceilings, tastefully fin. in pine, LR fireplace, ceramic tile & carpet on floors, guest cabin w/2 bdrms. S. view. Very private. Call Ted Vasey

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ASES offers more

by DENISE LEBLANC

School council met March 20, and here are some of the highlights of that meeting.

A 30 Hour Famine fundraiser for World Vision is planned April 4 by the Grade 7's and 8's. The students have volunteered to fast for 30 hours in support of the many hungry children around the world.

A new snack program has been implemented on Tuesday and Thursday at Archie which includes senior grades. A healthy snack is provided for around 225 kids each day.

Rosie Kenney said teachers and volunteers have implemented more than 10 new extra-curricular programs. These include art and chess clubs, intermural sports, music, basketball, volleyball, games in the library at noon, shlockey tournaments, home work club and yearbook.

Darlene Hill has volunteered the Grade 3's to help plant trees and shrubs in and around the school ground as part of their learning experience.

In closing, a special mention goes out to Emma Cox for her generous donation included with her sub money for playground equipment - thank-you Emma.



Eating for a cause:

Archie Stouffer Elementary School students Daniel Walker, Corinna King, Allana Coburn and Mitch Hicks eat their submarine sandwiches with the knowledge their purchases were contributing to the ASES school council's fundraising for the playground equipment on the Grade 2/3 yard. Once a month different grade levels—primary, junior and senior—participated in the sub sandwich or pizza day fundraiser run by council members. With \$13,000 already raised for the \$32,000 total, the council is slowly, but surely reaching their goal. Help is always needed, particularly with the school's daily milk program, please call Tracey Pratt at 286-1824.

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- Painting Churches by Tina Howe. A daughter returns home to help her aging mother and father move and paint their portrait. In the process she uncovers a

great deal about herself and her parents. A touching and poignant drama. Presented: July 3, 4, 10, 15, 23, 28, August 4, 5.

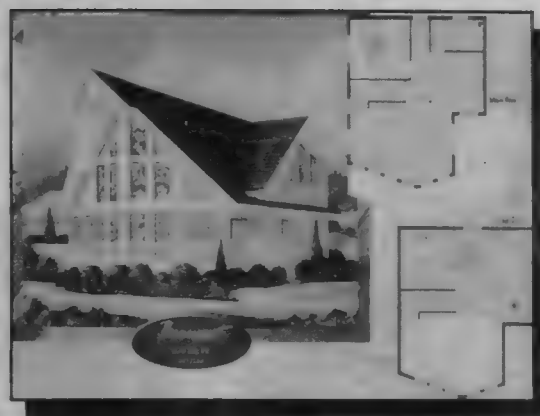
- Cookin' With Gus by Jim Brochu. A world famous chef attempts to make the leap to television but finds the camera and microphone too intimidating. Her husband and an off-the-wall neighbour come to the rescue in this rollicking comedy. Presented: July 7, 8, 16, 17, 24, 25, 30, August 8.

- ARTS 9-1-1 by Kerry Riley. The annual classical music concert presents works from famous composers in a relaxed summer setting. Featuring Lauren McInnes, Tom Regina and Melissa Stephens as three muses called out to rescue a concert in Haliburton. Presented: July 9, 18, 21, 29 and August 7. For more information visit the website at www.highlandsummerfestival.on.ca For tickets call 705-457-9933.

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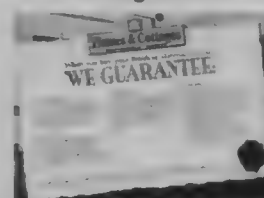


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- Report to Site manager

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LOCATION: Camp Kandalore (Hwy.#35, S. of Ox Narrows)

Start Date: June 9th, 2003

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Monday, April 7
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon
Haliburton County Home Support Drop-in Centre
Located in the Halco Plaza
Tea, Coffee and Home-made Goodies will be available
For more information, call 457-2941

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THE COUNTY OF HALIBURTON AGENCY FOR CHILD ENRICHMENT will be holding a C.H.A.C.E. Appreciation Day, celebrating 20 years of service to Haliburton County, on Saturday, April 5, 2003 at the C.H.A.C.E. Resource Centre in Haliburton (Lower Level Halco Plaza). This event will take place between 10 a.m. and noon. Founding Mothers, former staff, children, alumni, board members and all C.H.A.C.E. supporters are invited. Come and check out the pictures, the memorabilia as well as a display on the history of the agency. Refreshments will be served.

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350 WEDDINGS/ANNIVERSARIES

40TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY
for
Carl and Leona Smith
at Haliburton Legion
Saturday, April 5
4:30 p.m.
Pot Luck Dinner
Come and join us

HAPPY 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY
Bud and Loretta Anderson
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Andrea and Tony

400 NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS
In the Estate of
DAVID WILLIAM PATRICK MCADAM,
deceased.

All claims against the Estate of David William Patrick McAdam late of the Town of Minden, in the County of Haliburton, who died on or about the 30th day of November, 2002, must be filed with the undersigned personal representatives on or before the 22nd day of April, 2003. Thereafter the undersigned will distribute the assets of the estate having regard only to the claims then filed.

Dated: March 5th, 2003
Valerie McAdam & Alan McAdam - Estate Trustees
c/o Brian G.G. Evans.
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Lindsay, Ontario, K9V 3A2

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440 THANK YOU

THE FAMILY OF Don White would like to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to family, friends and neighbours who were so supportive while dealing with our loss. We will always remember your prayers, love and kindness. A special thanks to Dr. Roos, the Minden Hospital and ambulance staff and to the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home, especially Barry for being so caring and accommodating. We are comforted that Don/Dad/Grandpa touched the lives of so many. Although he will be greatly missed, he lives on in all our hearts. God bless.

THE FAMILY OF the late Edward (Roger) Bryant would like to take this time and thank everyone for their kind words, cards, flowers, phone calls and for making donations. We would also like to thank the Cancer Society drivers and nurses at the Haliburton Hospital for their excellent care. Also, a special thanks to Kirsten, Barry and the staff at Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home and especially Gord for his kind words and doing the service. To Gwen for the home visits. Thanks to the Maple Lake United Church U.C.W. for the lunch. We have so many people to thank and unable to list you all, but you know who you are and from the bottom of our hearts we appreciate everything you all did through Roger's/Dad's courageous battle. God bless you all. Thanks again, Doris and Families.

U-LINKS CENTRE FOR COMMUNITY-BASED RESEARCH would like to thank all members of the community who attended the Celebration of Research, at the Haliburton Highlands Museum Saturday, March 22nd. Thanks also to Tom Ballantyne for his support and for providing a great venue for this event! The final reports from student researchers will be available on loan through the Haliburton County Collection archive at U-Links in May. Contact Kate for more information, 286-2411, or ulinks@on.aibn.com.

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460 OBITUARIES

CONNOR MORRISON STANGLER
At the Kingston General Hospital, on Friday, March 21, 2003.
Infant son of Scott and Carrie Stangler of R.R. 1, Norland. Grandson of Diana Stringer, John Cooper, Donald Stangler, Dougall Morrison, Patty Morrison and Brian Watts. A Family Memorial was held at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home, Minden, on Thursday, March 27, 2003.

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Elizabeth (Betty) Smith EXON
Peacefully at the Haliburton Hospital on the morning of Friday, March 21, 2003, in her 93rd year.

Beloved wife of Les Burk (predeceased) and George Exon (predeceased). Loving mother of Joan Irish (Gerald), Beth Harrison (Ken), Nancy Hutchinson (Russell), Lois Whittaker (Doug, predeceased), grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Betty was active in the Red Cross, Lochlin United Church, a member of the Royal Canadian Legion and worked at Hyland Crest Senior Citizens' Home. Friends were invited to call at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home in Minden, ON (1-705-286-2181) on Monday, March 24, 2003 from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Funeral Service was held in the Chapel on Tuesday, March 25, 2003 at 2:00 p.m. Spring interment Ingoldsby Cemetery, Ingoldsby. As expressions of sympathy, donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services (Haliburton Hospital) would be appreciated by the family.

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MARY FLORENCE HICKS
Suddenly at her residence in West Guilford on Saturday, March 22, 2003, in her 83rd year.

Beloved wife of the late E. Eldon Hicks. Dear mother of Shirley (Mrs. Peter Gajdos) of Scarborough. Predeceased by E. Kenneth Hicks. Loving grandmother of Peter (Linda), Leanne (Allan), Rachel and Matthew. Great grandmother of Melissa, Bradley, Hannah and Brandon. Dear sister of Elmer, Ruth, Keith, Leitha, Carl and Jim. Predeceased by Mervin, Lloyd and Jack. Fondly remembered by her nieces and nephews. Friends were invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Main St., in Minden, Ontario (1-705-286-2181) on Wednesday, March 26, 2003 from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Funeral Service was held in the Chapel on Thursday, March 27, 2003 at 11:00 a.m. Spring interment St. Peter's Cemetery, Maple Lake. Memorial donations to the charity of your choice would be appreciated. Deeply loved and sadly missed.

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- **St. Patrick's Church, Kinmount** - Mass Times: Sunday at 9:00 a.m. and Friday at 11:00 a.m.
- **Looking for Team Leaders!** To help to improve the quality of life for people with spinal cord injury. Organize a Rick Hansen Wheels in Motion event on Saturday, June 14th, 2003 for Rick Hansen Man in Motion Foundation. Contact: Sandee Mann, 1-800-213-2131, www.rickhansen.com.
- **CLIMAX Climbing Club** every Tuesday at Camp Medeba in West Guilford. 6:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. for Parents and Children under 13 years, and 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. for teens and adults. Drop-in indoor rock climbing. For more information contact Greg Shantz at Family Services 457-5345.
- **TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)** has arrived in Haliburton. Please join us at The Home Support Drop-In Centre (behind the Home Hardware). Every Wednesday - Weigh in at 10 a.m. followed by a short meeting. For further information please call Donna Medland 754-4464.
- **Join the Walking Club**, week day morning walks sponsored by the Haliburton Chapter of the Heart and Stroke Foundation. In Minden, people can walk from 7:30 a.m. - 8:15 a.m. at Archie Stouffer Elementary School. For more information call Morris Duff at 286-6079.
- **The Haliburton Highlands Prostate Cancer Support Group** meets the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m., in the Fireside lounge at the Hyland Crest Senior Citizen's Home in Minden. All men and the women who love them are welcome. For info., please call Rick Ratcliff at 286-6699 or email: leacliff@sympatico.ca.
- **ONTARIO BREAST SCREENING PROGRAM** for women 50 years and over, screening on Thursdays and Fridays at Ross Memorial Hospital. No doctor referral necessary. Call Monday to Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. for an appointment. 705-328-6175
- **Every Thursday:** 12 noon Haliburton Highlands Senior Citizen Club weekly luncheon at Haliburton Legion. Join us for good food, fun and fellowship.
- **Guided Meditation** Sunday evenings from 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. at the Trinity Centre located at The Hair Lounge in Carnarvon.
- **Volunteers Needed** for local mediation service. Help foster conflict resolution in your community. Free training is provided for all volunteer mediators. For more detailed information, please call 457-3499 extension 608.
- **Haliburton County Home Support's** trip to Mamma Mia on April 23 is now full. We are taking bookings for a second trip to Mamma Mia on Saturday, May 24. Please call Sheri for more information at 457-2941, or Adele at 448-2838.
- **Haliburton County Home Support** has an ongoing Treasure Table in the Drop in Center. Drop by with your change and check out our table. We appreciate any donations towards our table...please no clothing. For more info call 705-457-2941.
- **Haliburton County Home Support** has volunteers just waiting to give seniors 55+ or physically disabled adults a SECURITY CHECK PHONE CALL. If you know of anyone who needs a phone call once a day, please call Judy at 457-2941.
- **February 7 to April 11:** Yoga with Pat Stegmaier at the Dorset Rec Centre. Fridays 10 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. Registration required, call 766-9968 in at the Rec Centre. Please bring a blanket. Also, bring your yoga mat if you have one.
- **March 17 to April 21:** Folk Art Classes for Beginner's at Club 35 with Karen Donalson. Mondays 1 to 3 p.m. Registration is required - 489-2241. Call for a list of requirements. Brought to you by the Stanhope Recreation Committee.
- **April 3:** L.I.F.T. Ladies In Fellowship Together. 7:30-9:30 p.m. West Guilford Recreation Centre. Theme: "The Old and the New" Speaker: Sherri Packard, Minden. Music: The Walsh Sisters. Feature: Paulette from "Out of Time Antiques and Nostalgia" Haliburton. No admission charge. Information call: Lyn 457-3155, Alice: 754-2808.
- **April 5:** Maplefest "All You Can Eat" Pancake/Sausage Brunch and Bake Sale. Lochlin United Church 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Church Rd. off County Rd. 1, Lochlin. For info call: 286-1765.
- **April 5:** Algonquin Highlands All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Pancakes, Sausage or Bacon & A Beverage. Stanhope Firefighter's Hall, Northshore Rd. Proceeds to the Stanhope Recreation Fund. Call 705-766-9968 for information.
- **April 5:** The County of Haliburton Agency for Child Enrichment will be holding a C.H.A.C.E. Appreciation Day, Celebrating 20 years of service to Haliburton County at the C.H.A.C.E. Resource Centre in Haliburton (Lower Halco Plaza). This event will take place between 10 a.m. and noon. The Founding Mothers, former staff, children, board members and all C.H.A.C.E. supporters are invited. Come and check out the pictures, the C.H.A.C.E. memorabilia as well as a display on the history of the agency. Refreshments will be served.
- **April 7, 9, 14, 16:** Basic Rescuer/Standard First Aid. (Must attend all four nights) 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. For more information and registration phone 324-1656 W.S.I.B. Approved.
- **April 8:** An 8 week live well everyday program, promoting physical activity and healthy eating. 9:30 - 10:30 p.m. at the Haliburton Highlands Health Services, Haliburton site. To register call Tina at 286-2140 ext. 296.
- **April 8:** Free Fly Fishing Clinic - 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Uncle Pete's Studio in Minden. Across from Wedgewood Marina. Call 705-489-1808. All are welcome. Learn to tie flies!
- **April 8:** 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Family Services of Haliburton County is hosting a Volunteer Appreciation at St. George's Anglican Church on Mountain Street in Haliburton. We invite all our volunteers and their family, friends and the community to celebrate with us. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer call Marilou at 457-5345 ext 308 or join us on Tuesday April 8.
- **April 9:** The regular meeting of the Haliburton Highlands Genealogy Group will feature speakers Joan Lucas (Genealogist), Frank Lucas and David Kemlo of the Greater Harbey Historical Society speaking about the United Empire Loyalists. The meeting is held at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery, Minden; doors open at 6 p.m., speakers at 7 p.m. Refreshments are available and a "bring and win" raffle. Everyone welcome. For more information contact Gail Leach-Wunker 286-2225.
- **April 11:** Basic Rescuer Level "C" CPR. 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. For more information and registration phone 324-1656 W.S.I.B. Approved.
- **April 12:** Basic Rescuer Level "C" CPR. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information and registration phone 324-1656 W.S.I.B. Approved.
- **April 15:** Haliburton Highlands Field Naturalists. Join us for a presentation on Bird Rehabilitation: Perils Facing Loons & Other Birds by Janice Enright at the Haliburton Museum at 7:30 p.m.
- **April 16:** Basic Rescuer Recertification. 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. For more information and registration phone 324-1656 W.S.I.B. Approved.
- **April 25:** 6pm-10pm / April 26: 9am-5pm / April 27: 9am-5pm (Three Day Course) Teach People How To Save Lives - Become a CPR Instructor! For information and to register call Victoria Save-A-Life 324-1656.

Events listings are provided FREE for non-profit groups on a space-available basis. While we endeavor to accommodate requests for publication, we cannot guarantee that all requests for listings will appear. Requests should be faxed to The Times at 286-4768, emailed to editor@mindentimes.on.ca., or brought in to the office. **NOTE:** This calendar is NOT A COMPREHENSIVE LISTING OF ALL EVENTS taking place in the area. Please check the classified pages, display advertising and articles appearing elsewhere in The Times for more information on events and in the Highlands.



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